

House Resolution No. 710

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of concerned citizens who have dedicated themselves to the welfare and safety of Missouri youth; and

Whereas, the members of the Ray County Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking have been steadfast in their efforts to help reduce the consumption and sale of alcohol to minors since the inception of their organization in 2000; and

Whereas, in the past three years, volunteers from Hardin, Lawson, Orrick, Richmond, and Stet have worked to implement social policies that have proven to reduce underage drinking in Ray County, success that is evidenced in the decline of retail sales to minors, which have dropped from 40% to lower than 5%; and

Whereas, members of the Ray County Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking have saturated the County with the marketing campaign, "Those Who Host Lose The Most", designed to send a consistent message that allowing minors to consume alcohol is unacceptable; and

Whereas, the Ray County Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking has also helped to educate young people and members of the community on the social and biological consequences of underage drinking; and

Whereas, volunteers have worked in their separate communities to pass local "Keg Tracking" and "Alcohol and Other Drugs At Open House Parties" ordinances, which serve to reduce the accessibility of alcohol to minors; and

Whereas, special words of commendation go out to Ray County Commissioners, all of whom have been instrumental in passing both "Keg Tracking" and "Minor In Possession By Consumption" orders as a means to keep children safe:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to the members of the Ray County Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking for their efforts to prevent the consumption of alcohol by minors and to educate young people on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Ray County Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Kelly
District No. 36

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 710, adopted March 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker